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PETITION FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a), applicant respectfully petitions for a one month extension of time to file a Continuation. The new time for filing such Continuation will be March 7, 2005, extended pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.136(a) and 1.17(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 04-0010 for one hundred twenty dollars and no/100 (\$120.00) for the extension of time fee. An original plus two copies of this letter are enclosed for accounting purposes. If any other charges are incurred or credited, please charge Deposit Account shown above.

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